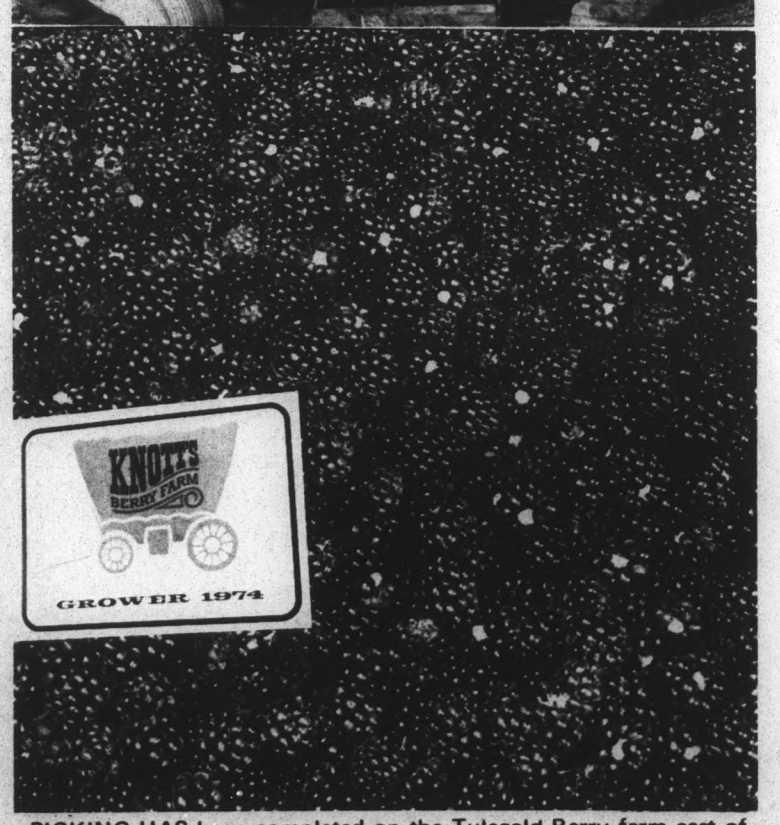
THIS BOSENBERRY FIELD IS PICKING OUT 5,000 PIES PER ACRE









PICKING HAS been completed on the Tulegold Berry farm east of Ducor where Don and Art Mabs, shown above, have 40 acres of berries in production as the only commercial Bosenberry planting in Tulare county. Top photos show part of the planting; bottom photo shows a field lug of berries on their way to Knott's Berry farm in southern California. (Farm Tribune photos)

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MABS SELL TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

DUCOR — Production of 5,000 berry pies per acre is reported from the Tulegold Boysenberry farm east of Ducor where a father-son combination, Art and Don Mabs, is completing harvest of first-year crop of boysenberries from their 40-acre plot which is the only commercial berry acreage in Tulare county and which represents about 10 percent of the commercial acreage in California.

The Mabs have a basic contract with the famous Knott's Berry farm in southern California, with berries produced in Tulare county being trucked to Fresno for processing in a quick-freeze plant, then shipped south.

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QUEEN



CHRIS AGUILAR, of Exeter, will reign as queen of San Juan days, Saturday and Sunday, on the Tule Indian reservation. A descendant of reservation residents, Miss Aguilar was selected at a coronation ball in the cultural center on the reservation last Saturday night. (Recorder photo)

AGRICULTURE REDISCOVERED IN CALIFORNIA

VISALIA — Official state projections call for developing another half million acres of irrigated agriculture in the San Joaquin valley over the next 20 years, John R. Teerink, director of the California Department of Water Resources, reported last Thursday night at annual meeting in Visalia of the Friant Water Users association.

Teerink said that in the past year agriculture has been "rediscovered" as California's No. 1 industry because of growing awareness of a world food storage and the importance of farm exports in maintaining a favorable trade balance for the

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ALL-STARS IN PHS GYM TONIGHT

Twenty-two of the top senior basketball players from 13 high schools in Tulare and Kings counties will be on the Porterville High School gym floor tonight, 8:30 p.m., as East and West All-Stars meet in an NCAA game under auspices of the Porterville Noon Lions club. East squad is coached by Porterville High's Ron Kavern and Redwood's Frank Padilla; the West is coached by Jake Klassen and Carl Wieburg, of Dinuba.

INDIAN RODEO FEATURES RESERVATION CELEBRATION

PORTERVILLE — All-Indian, professional rodeo will feature the second annual, modern-era San Juan Days celebration on the Tule Indian Reservation Saturday and Sunday, with grand entry set for 1:30 p.m. both afternoons.

Rodeo events in a new arena will include saddle and bareback bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, pony races, and goat tying. Cowboys (and cowgirls) will be competing for a purse of $1,350, with entry fees added.

Stock contractor is Edwin "Tex" Bouscal; on the mike to describe rodeo action will be Bill Evans.

Other San Juan Day events will include a pancake breakfast, served both Saturday and Sunday at 7 a.m.; a bar-b-cue beef dinner served both afternoons; and a western dance in the reservation's community and cultural center Saturday night.

Public campgrounds are now open on the reservation and fishing permits are available at the tribal store.

Mineral King Savings & Loan Merges With State-Wide California Federal

LOS ANGELES — California Federal Savings and Loan association, Los Angeles, and Mineral King Savings and Loan association, Visalia, have merged, and within a few days the three offices of Mineral King will be operating under the California Federal name.

Finalization of the merger was announced by California Federal President Robert R. Dockson and Mineral King President Ira J. Chrisman.

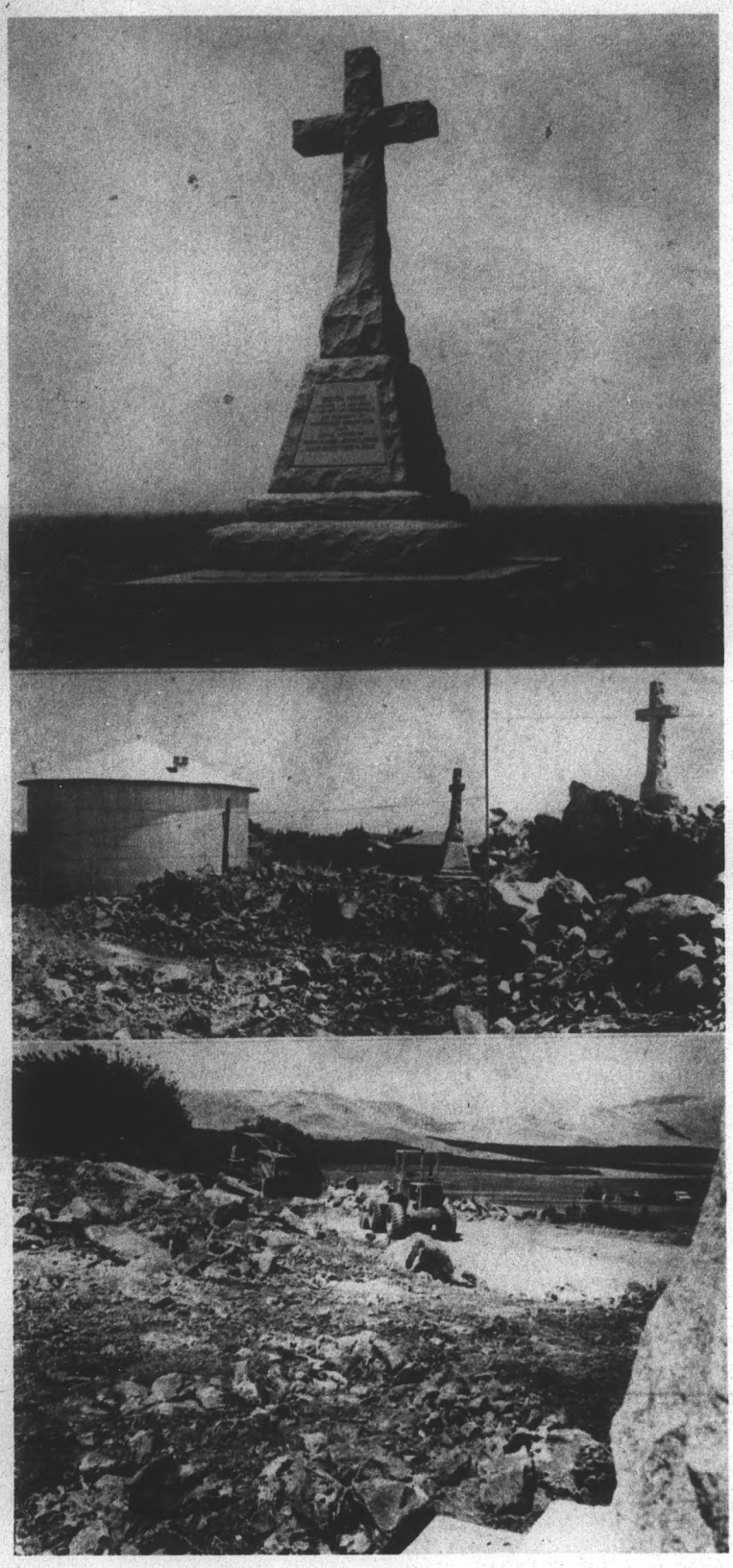
Dockson also announced the formation of a new San Joaquin Valley Advisory board to California Federal, with Chrisman as chairman. Other members are Judge N.O. Bradley, Otto Jensen, George Murphy, Charles Newman, and G.R. Ruddell. Dockson said the present Mineral King Visalia office will become the Central California regional headquarters for California Federal.

Dockson stated that management of the local offices will remain largely in the hands of local people. He said that Mineral King staff members will remain with the association and that the present advisory board to the Porterville office will continue to serve in that capacity.

Mineral King has offices in Visalia, Porterville and Lemoore, and lists assets exceeding $49 million. California Federal is the nation's largest federally chartered savings association, with assets of more than $2.3 billion and 39 offices in its state-wide network.

"DROWN PROOFING" PROGRAM AT YMCA

PORTERVILLE - Second session of the YMCA summer "Drown Proofing" program gets underway June 24 at the "Y" pool on Sunnyside. Instruction is offered for all ages and for all levels of swimmers; pre-registration is required at the "Y" office, 747 No. Sunnyside, phone 784-8192.



Editorial Comment

Progress and tradition are proving compatible on Scenic Heights hill where the City of Porterville is constructing a new, three million gallon water storage tank to replace an old 300,000 gallon tank - while at the same time preserving a granite cross that was constructed on the site and dedicated to the City of Porterville by the Porterville Rotary club back in 1927 as location for annual community Easter morning religious service.

Although the site has not been used for Easter services for a number of years because of adjacent residential development, the cross remained as a landmark, hence there was considerable consternation in some quarters when the city told the Rotary club, last April, to move the cross elsewhere since it stood in the way of progress.

But after a bit of communication between all concerned, the city moved the cross only a few feet, leaving it still on top of the hill but making room for the new tank; a plan was presented to plant Redwood trees in commemoration of Porterville men who lost their lives in the Vietnam war, with the cross as a centerpiece and with the new tank shadowed by appropriate landscaping.

Which calls to mind what the great man said, "All's Well That Ends Well," and it looks now like the granite cross-water tank project will do just that.

As for the photos, they show the cross in its new location; the present old tank that will be taken out of use and dismantled; and general shots indicating magnitude of new site preparation.

We Only Heard

By BILL RODGERS

WANDERING DOWN the Emigrant trail, we note that in spite of elimination efforts by city experts and others, pigeons still thrive. In fact they have guests on the roof tops these days - crows. Which leads us to predict that when we enlightened human animals succeed in atomizing ourselves and all living things off the face of the earth, we really won't get the complete job done. Pigeons will appear out of the holocaust, along with a crow or two, and a million or so years later, civilized animals will wear natural feathers, will have their own wings, and will live on roof tops and in old barns.

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WHAT WITH a superior court ruling substantiating the fact that the Porterville Judicial district now has more than 40,000 residents, thereby entitling the district to a municipal court, there has been more than a little scurrying around by those seeking, and friends of those seeking, appointment to the municipal court bench. Present and long-time justice court judge is George Carter, however he cannot move up to a municipal court judgeship since he is not an attorney of five year's standing. At the same time, a municipal court does not become a reality until a judge is appointed, which means the present justice court will continue until such time as Governor Ronald Reagan appoints a municipal court judge. And therein lies the reason for the scurrying around - a municipal judgeship carries a pretty fair pay check; is something of a prestigious post; and could be a step toward eventual superior court appointment... Openly seeking the Porterville municipal court judgeship are Porterville City Attorney Jack Quirk, a Democrat, also Robert Natzke, a Republican, and former local attorney who was raised in the community and who is now practicing law in San Francisco. In addition, District Attorney Robert Bereman, a Republican, has been mentioned, although he has not aggressively sought the appointment. Natzke, however, spent several days in Porterville a couple of weeks ago testing the political winds, and Quirk, through behind-the-scene efforts apparently masterminded out of the Porterville city hall, has been laying groundwork for several months. In fact at one time it was suggested to George Carter that since his days as judge were numbered anyway, he resign so that Quirk could be appointed to the vacancy by the county board of supervisors (an appointment that appeared to be virtually assured) thus setting Quirk up for the municipal court judgeship when the municipal court was declared. But Carter didn't buy that deal. Another plan to provide a new job for Carter if he would resign as judge to make way for Quirk did not really get out of the talking stage, so - Carter is judge; the justice court should be a municipal court; Quirk and Natzke are actively seeking the municipal judgeship; there are no doubt other qualified attorneys who would accept the position; although county supervisors can fill a justice court vacancy, it takes an appointment by Governor Reagan to fill a municipal court judgeship... The way things shape up now, we predict that the status quo will prevail for awhile - that a Porterville municipal court judge will not be appointed in the immediate future... Meanwhile, it is safe to assume that the machination of political maneuvering will continue to continue.

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MERL BROCK JOINS UCB STAFF IN PORTERVILLE

PORTERVILLE – Merl Brock has been appointed customer service officer of United California Bank's Porterville office, Manager James C. Holly has announced.

Brock has 15 years experience with UCB and previously was operations manager for 10 years at the bank's Visalia office. He also served the UCB main offices in Fresno and Sacramento.

He was born in Reedley, California and attended Dinuba high school and Reedley college. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, has been active in the Visalia American Little League, treasurer of the Visalia Heart fund, a committee chairman for the Visalia YMCA Quarterback club, and a leader in the Cub Scouts organization.

Brock and his wife, Maxine, have two sons.

COLLEGE OFFERS CLASS IN CHARM

PORTERVILLE – A non-credit class in Charm and Physical Fitness is being offered Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock at the Porterville college gymnasium as part of the college's summer session program. Mrs. Frenchy Stafford of Visalia, who has taught the course during the regular college sessions for the past few years, will serve as instructor. Enrollment in the class may be made by calling the continuing education office at the college, 781-3130, Extension 72, or at any class meeting.

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OUR TOWN

BY RUTH LOYD

EMMET WATKINS was waiting to take my groceries out to the car, and ALLAN COATES called to me. "Was that true about the guy in Springville, and his wife's diamond?" "Of course it was true, you don't think I would print anything that wasn't true, do you?" "Well," said ALLAN, "You certainly were graphic." If ALLAN thinks that was graphic, he should have heard BOB'S description. Now, that was what I call graphic. When you are diamond mining, it can get pretty graphic.

How many teachers can you remember who you really thought were outstanding? I can remember one who made me crawl around the room on my hands and knees. I sure remember her. I was a rotten student, and hated school. I must have pushed her to the limit. I thought it was just because I had red hair, and talked too much. I had one teacher in junior high who really talked to me and seemed interested in me, but the rest are a blur. I don't see how the teachers have time to listen to their students, now. They have so much paper work to get out. I don't know how good a teacher I was, but I really loved teaching. Of course, I got out of there before they started this new math.

No one teacher knows what another teacher is doing, but I always thought that MARGARET OLSEN was a great teacher. The children were scared to death of her, when they were on the playground, but when they were enrolled in her fifth grade, they learned to think, and found out they were smarter than they had expected. Teaching a child to think is difficult. It takes lots of skill, and lots of love. MARGARET still hears from her students, and most of them appreciate the time and patience she spent on them.

The big yellow fire truck parked in front of our house, and a nice fireman came to the door. He came to inspect our house for weeds and things. I was going to tell him about lots of weeds in sidewalks, but I thought I better not bring that up. He checked our backyard, and I was afraid he was going to tell us to put in another sidewalk, but he didn't. I really was hoping he would let me drive the big beautiful truck. I would have had such a happy time, roaring down Putnam, siren whooping, and the noisy air horn. I'm so grounded.

I am halfway through The Gulag Archipelago, by Solzhenitsyn. I found it best to have a dictionary at my elbow. Gulag is the acronym for Chief Administration of Corrective Labor Camps. The book is written with lots of love for his country, and a wry sense of humor. It is good for me to read of happenings so very foreign to my comfortable way of life. It is hard for me to visualize living in a country where officials have so much power over the people and their minds. It makes me very grateful to be an American. With all our faults.

Happiness is being an American.

Steps are underway to eliminate an infestation of the rare Taurian thistle that has been found in Monterey county.

Increasing cost of hay has resulted in more use of silage by dairymen.



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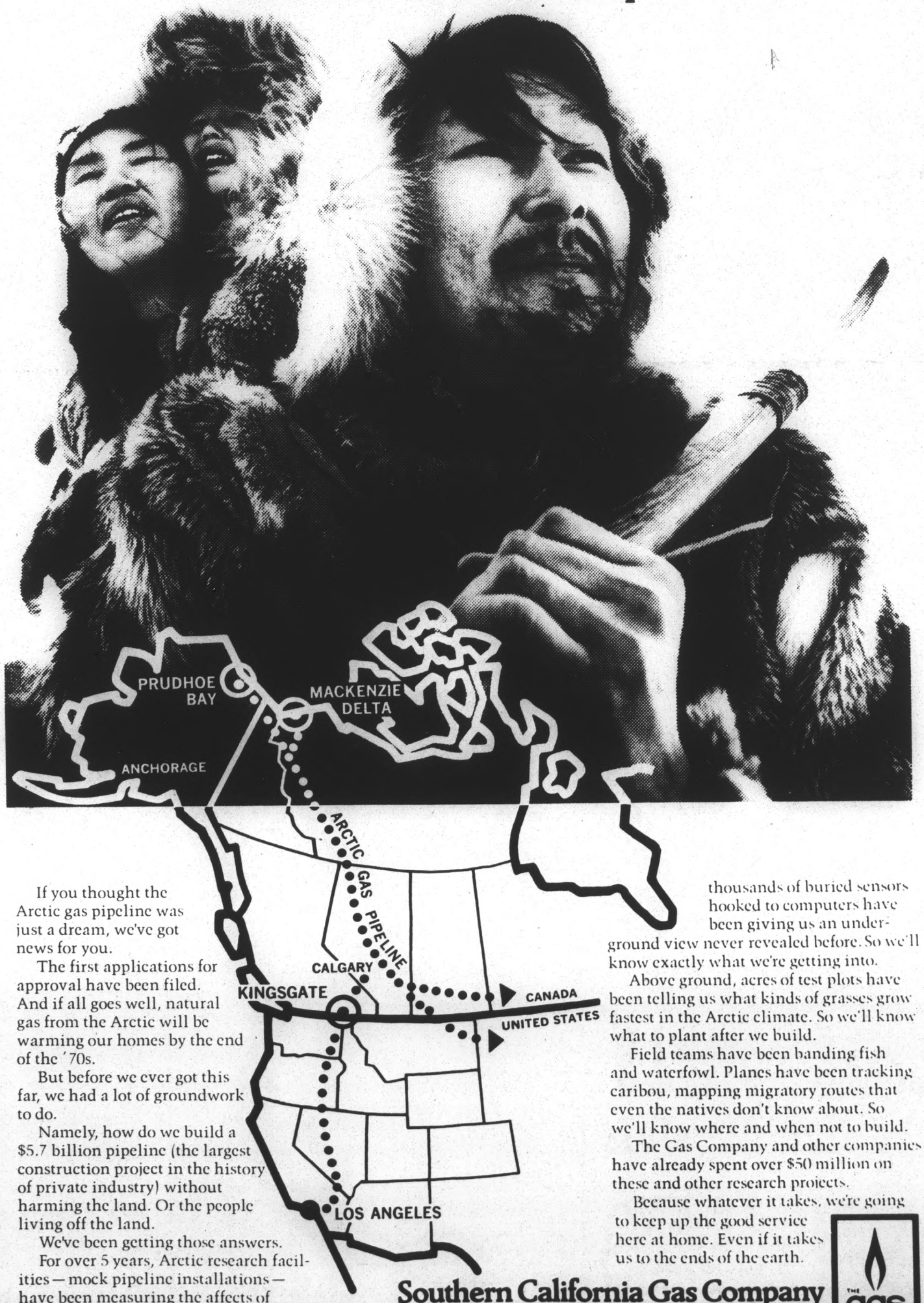
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It's Happening In SPRINGVILLE

By Carolyn J. Giddings

Hats off to the Springville Volunteer Fire Department!!

Thursday, at 5:50 p.m., a fire on Bear Creek Road about one mile off Balch Park Road was reported. About ten acres of rangeland belonging to Albert L. McDonald of Globe Drive was burned. Preliminary investigation indicates arson and investigation continues.

Fire Boss Jerry Swartzlander said due to the crippling manpower shortage the Division of Forestry is experiencing, the Springville Volunteer Fire Department was extremely instrumental in combatting a potentially major forest fire.

Units responding were from Springville, Porterville, Milo, Fountain Springs, Visalia and the Porterville Air Base dispatched a DC-7 and a B-17.

Springville is in for a great loss. The rest of the Pritchett family is planning to leave. Lenard Pritchett left seven months ago (the man of the household) for Oklahoma. From what we hear, he has a job and is now sending for his wife Marion and daughter Yvonne. However, we still have the oldest daughter, Kathy Lee and her three children.

Two Springville families are busy, busy, busy. The Earl Elerick family moved from their home on Pine Drive to that pretty trailer among the trees across from Vic's Place on Hwy. 190. They took me on a guided tour Friday and they even have a stream (ditch) running through their yard. Oh! the gardening delights one can imagine with a stream already in!! Ferns, violets and butterfly iris - wouldn't that be fun?

The Fred Valenzuela family is moving into the Elerick home on Pine Drive - they will have a huge back yard and once again be near former neighbors, the Trupes. Moving is always such a job - I'll bet Cathy and Pat both are really pooped every evening.

Construction has begun on the four unit motel next to the Springville Inn and in back of the library. The foundation and plumbing appears to be in and the Johnsons are hard at work.

California barley production this year is estimated at 48,500,000 bushels, one percent above 1973.

KRAZEE DAZE DATES SET AS JULY 18-19-20

Krazee Daze - an annual extravaganza of outlandish activities and costumes, plus bargain sales - has been set for July 18, 19, and 20 in Porterville, under sponsorship of the Greater Porterville Merchants' association.

General chairmen for the event are Charles Dougherty and Lawrence Billiou.

Range and pasture conditions in California, as of June 1, were rated at 91 percent of normal.

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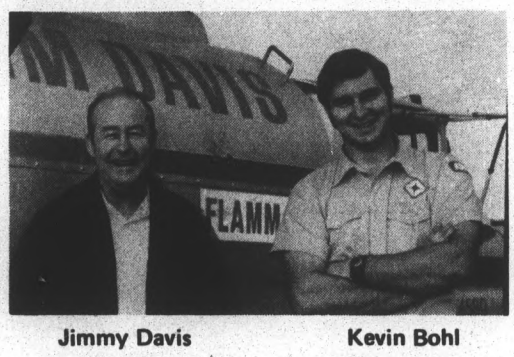


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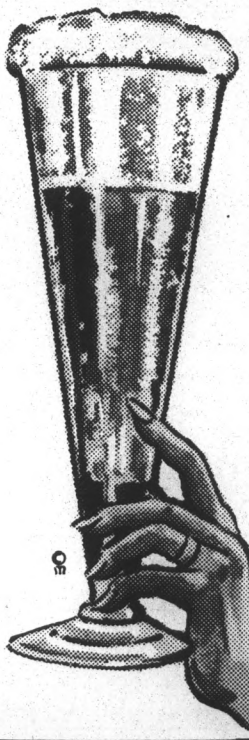
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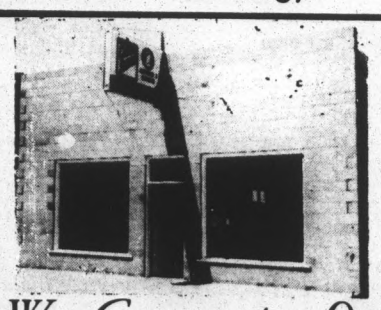
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TULARE — Tulare County Cotton Wives auxiliary will host Miss Catherine I. Cox, of Cotton Incorporated, New York, June 24, at a Luncheon meeting in the Tulare Elks lodge at 12:30 p.m.

Miss Cox is with the public relations department, handling cotton fabrics, and will present a program on new developments in cotton fabric produced by Cotton Incorporated's Fabric development lab in Raleigh, N.C. New, commercial fabrics will also be shown, as well as new end products now available on the market in the apparel and home fashion areas.

The presentation will include a 15 minute, 16mm color/sound film, covering last year's "Fashion News Flight/Cotton Optics '74" combined press tour and fashion show.

Prior to joining Cotton Incorporated, Miss Cox was associated with the Olivetti Corporation of America as assistant to the marketing manager, office products, as well as for B. Altman & Co., New York, as assistant buyer, casual dresses.

Any interested persons may make reservations by contacting Mrs. Agnes Pelous, 20288 Ave. 228, Lindsay, or by phone 562-4480, at $3.25 per person.

Dale Anderson, regional representative, National Cotton council, will act as master of ceremonies, and Terri Snell, Tulare County Maid of Cotton and Peggy Stone, alternate maid, will model garments from their cotton wardrobe.

Chairmen for the event include Mrs. Leon Wilcox, maids; Mrs. Alex Pelous and Mrs. Domenic Milanesio, reservations; Dorothy and Rozana Webb, newsletter and programs; Mrs. John Gilbert and committee, decorations and Mrs. Robert V. Fallert, publicity.

Husbands are invited to attend as well as all gin managers or apparel merchants in Tulare county.

Cattle and calves being fattened for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 960,000 head on June 1, eight percent above May 1, 1974, but 13 percent below a year ago.

As of June 1, estimated wheat yield in California this year was 41,256,000 bushels, 34 percent more than last year.

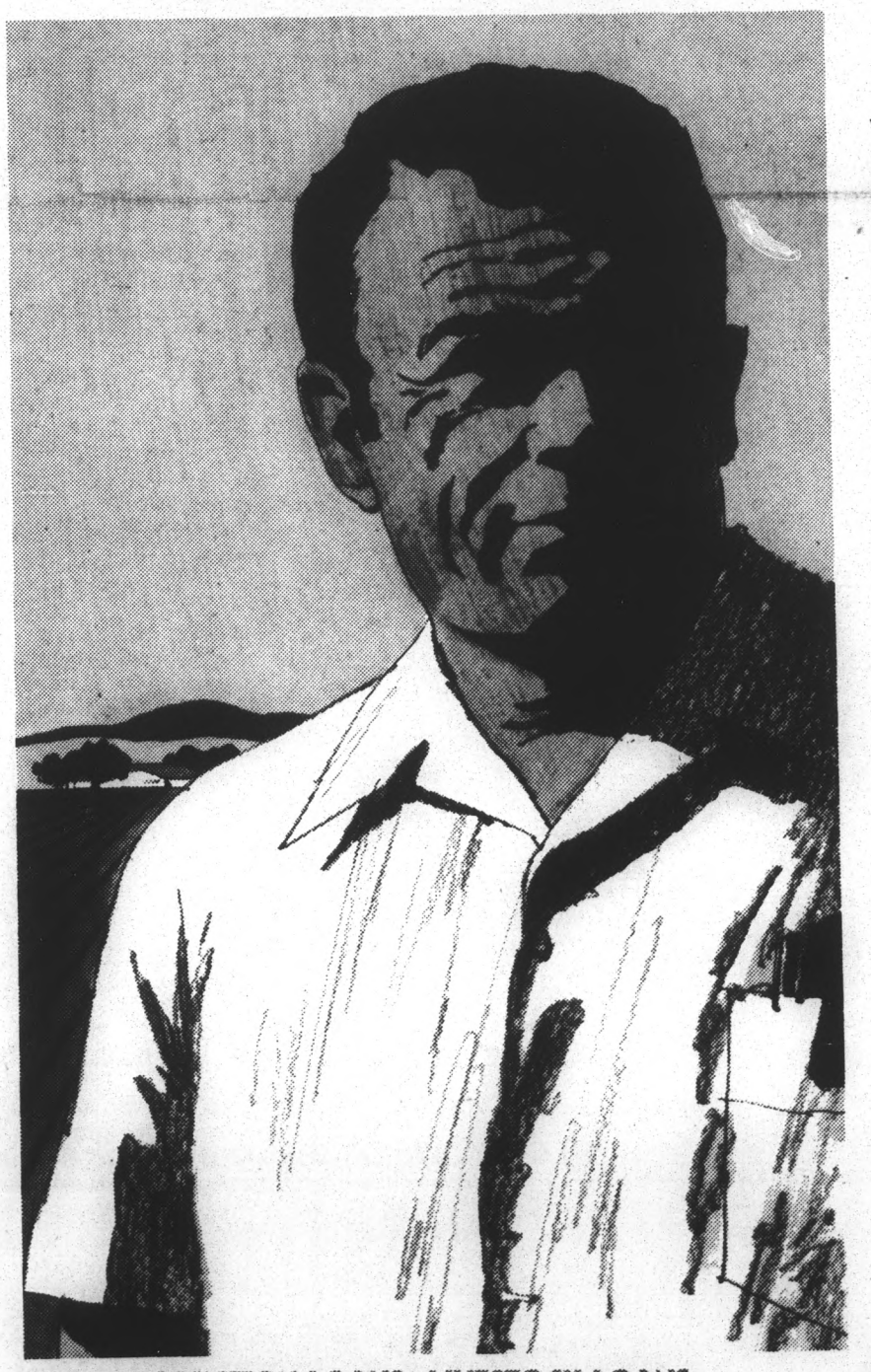
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PETER VAREKOIS, right, was installed as president of the Porterville City of Hope Auxiliary at dinner meeting of the auxiliary held last week at Gang Sue's, with Mel Heininger, center, from the City of Hope Medical Center at Duarte, serving as installing officer. Outgoing president, after two terms, is the Rev. Ragnar Kjeldahl, left. Other officers are: Dorothy Donaldson, first vice president; Ruby Faulkner, second vice president; Leona Martin, secretary; Billie Herrell, treasurer; Myrtle Varekois, ways and means; Jean Cullen, tribute chairman; and Mary Dolence, Buck Shaffer, Ross Smith, and Ellen Hendricks, trustees.

(Recorder photo)

TRACY GILL SUCCESS VALLEY 4-H PRESIDENT

By Terisa King

SUCCESS VALLEY – Success Valley 4-H club held an Awards meeting following a potluck dinner at Murry park, June 14, and installed new officers for the year 1974-75. Tracy Gill led the 4-H pledge. Guest Speaker was Bob Shiver of the United California Bank.

New officers are: President, Tracy Gill; vice president, Vicky Wardlaw; secretary, Alan Gill; treasurer, Kelly Gill; and recorder, Terisa King.

Pins and Stripes (1st year) Sandra Acasta, Julie Chamberlain, Shawn Conrad, Vicki Conrad, Kelly Gill, Wina Gill, and Sandy King. (2nd year) Lisa Davis, Rocky Day, Terisa King, and Bobbi Stone. (3rd year) Staci Ballard, Myron Day, and Alan Gill. (4th year) Vicky Wardlaw. (5th year) Kristin Bedford. (6th year) Mary Ballard, Bob Gill, and Chuckie Ramirez. (7th year) Davied Ballard, and Tracy Gill.

Junior Leader Certificates - Kristin Bedford, and Bob Gill.

Stars (bronze) Davied Ballard, Mary Ballard, Staci Ballard, Lisa Davis, Rocky Day, and Bobbi Stone. (silver) Davied Ballard, and Alan Gill. (gold) Bob Gill, and Kristin Bedford.

Adult Leaders Pins and Certificates. (1st year) Mrs. Kay Acasta, and Mrs. Arline King. (2nd year) Mr. Lee Gill, Mrs. Joe Ann Wardlaw, and Mrs. Donna Ballard. (3rd year) Mrs. Laura Bedford, and Mrs. Pat Gill. (4th year) Mr. Richard Chamberlain. (6th year) Mrs. Donna Gill (9th year) Mrs. Judy Chamberlain.

100% Attendance Pins (attended all club meetings) Lisa Davis, Myron Day, Rocky Day, Alan Gill, Bob Gill, Kelly Gill, Tracy Gill, Wina Gill, Sandy King, Terisa King, and Vicky Wardlaw.

MARIANNA MILLER JOINS AIR FORCE

PORTERVILLE – Marianna C. Miller, a 1970 graduate of Porterville High school, has entered active duty with the U.S. Air Force under a guaranteed job program. She enlisted as a precision measurement equipment specialist and after basic training at Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Texas, will enter technical school at Lowry AFB, Denver.

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF TULARE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Room 301, Tulare County Civic Center, Visalia, California, until 10 O'clock a.m. on Wednesday June 26, 1974, for construction in accordance with the plan and specifications, therefor, to which special reference is made.

Furnish and install a complete Refuse Disposal Transfer Station at the Springville Refuse Disposal Site which will include reinforced concrete retaining walls and reinforced concrete pads, steel pipe bumpers, posts, chains and cables.

Bids are required for the entire work of the construction of the station including the necessary excavation and fine grading, the furnishing and placing the reinforcing steel and Class "A" Concrete. Furnishing and installing the required steel posts, chain and cable guards.

Pursuant to Sections 1770-1780 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality for each craft or type of workman needed to execute the contract, and the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and any subcontractor under him shall pay all workmen employed on the work not less than said rates. Copies of said wage rates are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Room 301, Tulare County Courthouse, Visalia, California, and will be made available to any interested person on request.

However, because 25 percent or more of the cost of this project is to be paid out of entitlement funds pursuant to Public Law 92-512 (Revenue Sharing Act), all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the performance of work on this project must be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in this locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The Secretary's determination is also available on request.

The contractor to whom the contract is awarded and any subcontractor under him shall pay all workmen employed on the work not less than the rates determined by the Board of Supervisors or the rates determined by the Secretary of Labor, whichever rate is higher.

The attention of bidders is particularly directed to the provisions of Sections 8-1.01 of the Standard Specifications and Section 7 of these Special Provisions regarding subcontracting and Section 8-1.02 of the Standard Specifications regarding assignment of the contract.

All bids are to be compared on the basis of the Engineer's estimate of the quantities of work to be done.

No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 3, of the Business and Professions Code.

The special provisions which include the forms of proposal, bonds and contract, may be obtained at the office of the Public Works Director, Room 203, County Civic Center, Visalia, California.

A representative from the Public Works office will be available to accompany prospective bidders for an inspection of the work herein contemplated and contractors are urged to investigate the location, character and quantity of work to be done, with a representative of the Public Works Department.

No bid will be received unless it is made on a blank furnished by the Public Works Department. The special attention of prospective bidders is called to the "Proposal Requirements and Conditions", annexed hereto, for full directions as to bidding, etc.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a verified statement of experience and finances.

The bids will be opened, examined and declared by a Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 10:00 a.m., on the aforementioned date, at a public meeting to be conducted by said Deputy Clerk at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors in the Tulare County Courthouse, Visalia, California. All bidders are invited to attend said public meeting. The results of the bidding shall be reported to the Board of Supervisors at their next regular meeting thereafter.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Board of Supervisors.

JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare
By Carol Santos, Deputy

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Hunting Licenses Now On Sale

SACRAMENTO – California hunting licenses for 1974-75 seasons are now on sale with some 3,000 license agents and at Department of Fish and Game offices throughout the state.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF TULARE
No. 23461

Estate of
ALICE M. GRAHAM, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated May 15, 1974.
/s/ FREDERICK UDELL GRAHAM
Executor of the Will of the above named decedent
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk
Attorneys at Law
141 East Mill Avenue
Porterville, California 93257
Telephone (209) 784-5064
Attorneys for Executor
First publication: May 23, 1974.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF TULARE
No. 23489

Estate of
DELTA DENNIS HAWKINS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law office of HUBLER, BURFORD, MORAN & QUIRK, 141 East Mill, Porterville, California 93257, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated May 31, 1974.
JAMES WILLIAM HAWKINS
Executor of the Will of the above named decedent
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk
Attorneys at Law
141 East Mill Avenue
Porterville, CA 93257
Attorneys for Executor
First publication: June 6, 1974.
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FARM FRONT

VISALIA – Tulare county's farm front had a variety of activity during the week ending June 15, according to report from the office of Agricultural Commissioner Clyde Churchill, who said:

Feed grains harvest continues and wheat harvest is getting underway; ground behind barley is being worked and irrigated in preparation for a second-crop planting; milo is being planted, emerged milo growing well.

Cotton is coming on stronger with warmer weather; growers are cultivating and irrigating. Corn making good growth; alfalfa being cut and baled, also green-chopped. Sugar beets growing well.

Peaches, nectarines and plums being picked and packed - Bonjour, Royal May, Cardinals, Gem Free, Robin, Dixie Red, and Early Cornet peaches; Armking, May Grand, Red June, Zee Gold and Sun King nectarines; and Red Beaut, Beauty, and Burmosa plums; also Pomo apricots. Grapes being suckered and bunches straightened.

Good quality Valencia oranges being picked and shipped, with good prices, but movement slow because of prorate. Avocados continuing to grow and size.

Squash being harvested, with prices lower; green beans, tomatoes, and cucumbers being packed.

Rangeland feed conditions, particularly the mountain ranges, very good; water conditions also generally good.

California potato producers are considering the establishing of a research marketing order for the industry.

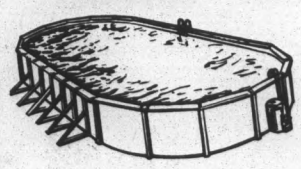
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NEWLY-INSTALLED officers of the Pleasant View 4-H club are, from left, back: Carolyn Valine, Tim Santry, Beverly Farquharson, Ron Santry Jr., Joe Fallert, Ed. Farquharson, and Jack Burgess; front row, from left: Jeff Ragan, Sharon Conway, Trudy Weisenberger, and Harriet Merritt. (Pleasant View 4-H photo)

RONALD SANTRY JR. INSTALLED AS PLEASANT VIEW PRESIDENT

PLEASANT VIEW – Ronald Santry Jr. was installed as president of the Pleasant View 4-H club at June meeting, with the Rev. Father Robert Mac Santry, a former member of the club and uncle of the new president, acting as installing officer.

Other club officers seated were: Joe Fallert, vice president; Beverly Farquharson, secretary; Carolyn Valine, treasurer; Tim Santry, reporter; Ed. Farquharson and Jack Burgess, sergeants-at-arms; Sharon Conway, corresponding secretary; Harriet Merritt and Trudy Weisenberger, song leaders and Jeff Ragan, recreation leader.

The meeting was opened by President Gloria Almeida; roll was taken and the officers reports were given; flag salute and 4-H pledge were led by Harriet Merritt and Pam Newson.

Porterville fair reports were given by: Nan Faure, cotton contest; Ann Burgess, fashion show; Kathy Callison, clothing; Carolyn Valine, cooking; Margie Callison, beginning girls; Julie Conway, home furnishings and Sharon Conway, mini gardens. Tal Ferguson reported on beginning boys; Jeff Ragan, electricity; Mark Souza, woodworking; Gail Burgess, rabbits; Gloria Almeida, leather; Charles Hare, dairy and clean stall awards, Lorraine Almeida. Marlan Santry reported on the Sunday cleanup; Beverly Farquharson, swine and Cheryl Roberts, beef. Carolyn Valine presented the participation award, Tim Santry reported on the potato booth and Charles Hare reported on plans for a June party.

Project reports were given by Cathy Callison and Gerri Tate. Club awards were presented by the community leaders, Mrs. Faure, Mrs. Holtermann and Mrs. Fallert.

First year pins and stripes went to: Margie Callison, John Codorniz, Tal Ferguson, Sandra Galloway, Harriet Merritt, Pam Newsom, Gerri Tate, Terri Tate, Mark Vossler, Trudy Weisenberger.

Second year pins went to Madeline Bayes, Gayle Burgess, Kathy Callison, Julie Conway, Brian Loehner, Sandra Loehner, Jeff Regan, Mark Souza, Debbie Silva.

Third year pins went to Lorraine Almeida, Marty Codorniz, Cheryl Roberts.

Fourth Year pins went to Jack Burgess, Sharon Conway, Carolyn Valine and John Zaninovich.

Fifth Year pins went to Elizabeth Ann Burgess, Nan Faure, Charles Hare and Marlan Santry.

Sixth Year pins went to Beverly Farquharson and Tim Santry.

Seventh Year pin Edward Farquharson.

Eight Years pins went to Gloria Almeida, Joe Fallert, Bob Fallert, Pam Holtermann and Ronald Santry.

Jr. Leader certificates went to Tim Santry and Nan Faure, 1st year. Beverly Farquharson, Edward Farquharson and Carolyn Valine, 2nd year. Gloria Almeida and Joe Fallert, 3rd year. Bob Fallert and Pamela Holtermann, 5th year.

Hi-4-H Chevrons were presented to Ann Burgess, Charles Hare, Sandra Loehner, Marlan Santry and Terri Tate.

100% attendance pins were awarded to Gloria Almeida, Lorraine Almeida, Ann Burgess, Gayle Burgess, Jack Burgess, Margie Callison, Julie Conway, Sharon Conway, Nan Faure, Tal Ferguson, Charles Hare, Jeff Ragan, Marlan Santry, Ronald Santry, Carolyn Valine, and John Zaninovich.

Gayle Burgess, Kathleen Callison, Julie Conway, Jeff Ragan, and Mark Souza received bronze stars. Lorraine Almeida, Ann Burgess and Sharon Conway received silver stars. Those receiving the gold star awards were Edward Farquharson, Nan Faure, Tim Santry and Carolyn Valine.

Awards and certificates were then presented to the Leaders. A motion was passed to present $5.00 to the National 4-H Center's penny drive.

A total of 21,859 persons, 7,347 of them adults, received hunter safety training under auspices of California Department of Fish and Game instructors during the first five months of 1974.

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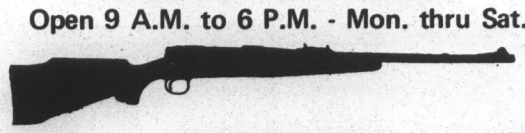
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"ANTIQUE" CLASS FORMED AT COLLEGE

PORTERVILLE – A non-credit class in the Selection and Care of Antiques, postponed from an originally scheduled starting date, will hold its first meeting at Porterville college on Saturday morning, June 22. The class, to be taught by Barbara Worthington, will meet in room SM-10 of the new science-mathematics building for four consecutive Saturdays at 9 a.m.; sessions generally will last until noon. Registration may be made by telephoning the continuing education office at the college, 781-3130, or at any of the class meetings.

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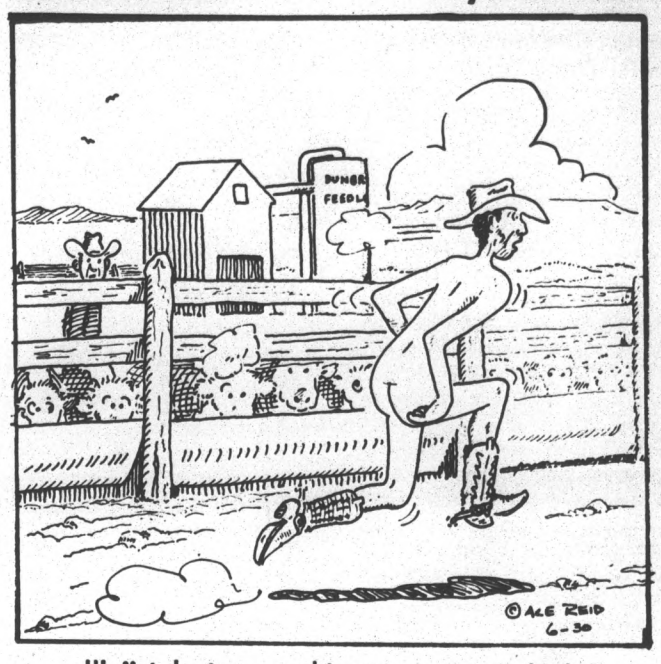
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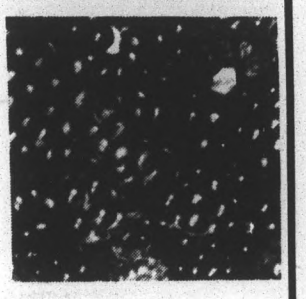
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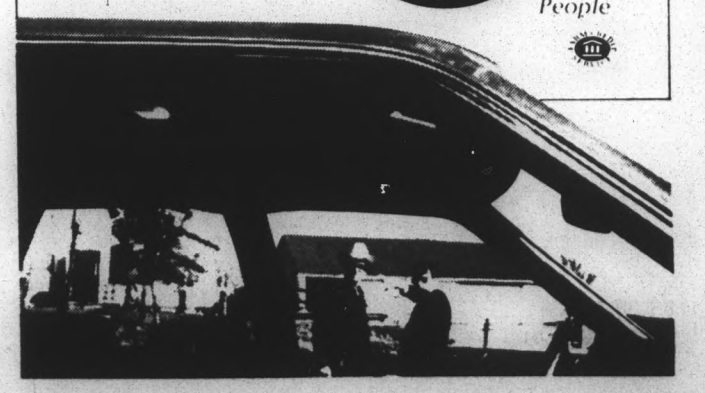
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Mabs Sell

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A high percentage of the crop is suitable for freezing and for eventual use in Knott's Berry farm pies; balance goes into puree and jams. At present, the Mabs are Knott's largest single supplier.

The boysenberry planting is in its first year of production, with vines turning out two and a half tons per acre. Harvest season, now virtually completed, extended over a period of about three weeks, with a 10-day peak.

Production next year should double and continue at about five tons per acre through the seven to eight years that vines are at their prime. Replanting then becomes a yearly operation as declining vines are replaced by interset new vines. Over a period of 10 to 12 years most of the original vines will be replaced and the cycle will continue as per acre berry production is held at around five tons.

Original planting in June, 1973, on the Mabs acreage was from a strain of boysenberries that goes back to the first Walter Knott planting at Buena Park in the early 1930s.

Immediately after picking is completed, old vines are pruned back and new runners put onto wires that hold the vines upright. Cost to maintain, grow and harvest boysenberries runs about $1,600 per acre per year; original cost for planting, end posts, wire, and care for the first year ran about $1,500 per acre, however, the Mabs point out that to these figures must be added current inflation, plus original land cost and cost of water development.

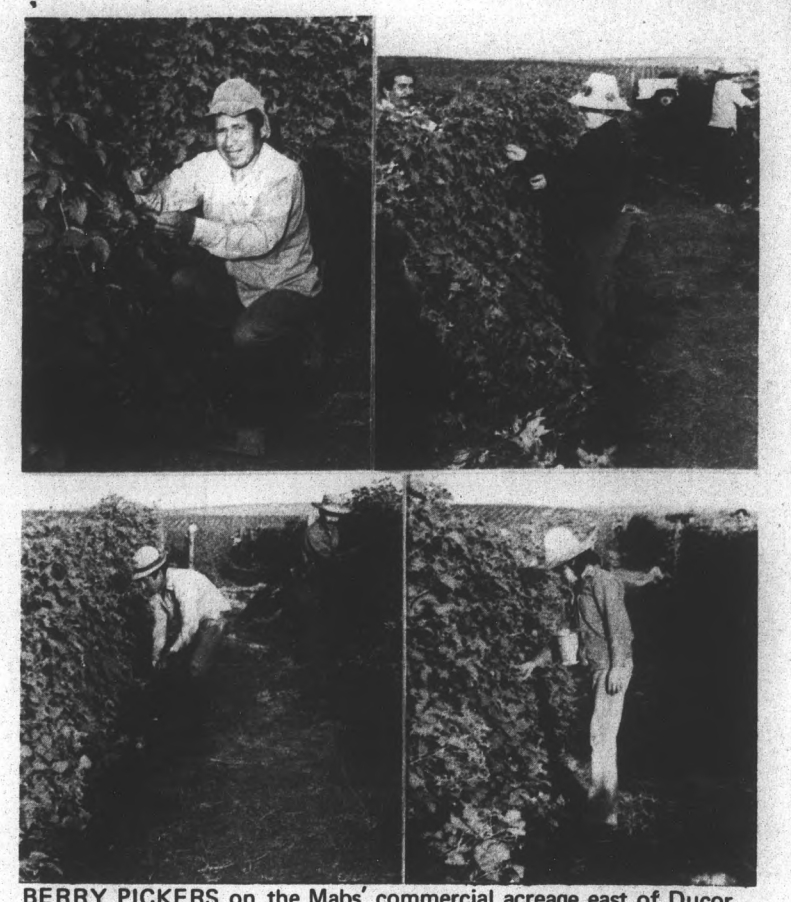
The Mabs planting is on rolling hills along the east side of avenue 56, south of road 256. The site was selected primarily because of virgin soil (boysenberries are highly susceptible to verticillium wilt); drip irrigation is utilized (a costly installation but efficient, and necessary on the hillside planting); virtually all operations involve hand labor which has so far been available, including picking crews with up to 150 persons during the first three weeks in June.

Concerning pickers, education was necessary. Berries must be selected by color, must be handled gently, and must be "bent" off the vine, not pulled. Picking is stopped if temperature hits 90 degrees or higher.

As for problems - the Mabs used helicopters to spray for worms and thrip; birds could present a problem but did not during the past year; sudden, extremely hot or cold weather as berries mature can hurt quality; wilt could wipe out a planting; market price fluctuates.

But by and large, the Mabs feel that production and pest problems are minimal in comparison with many other specialized farm crops.

Major source of boysenberry supply has been acreage in Fresno and Stanislaus counties, but perhaps Tulare county will eventually become a major supply source. County farm advisors and farmers producing other commodities are closely watching results on the Mabs plantings, and there is talk of other acreage going in.



BERRY PICKERS on the Mabs' commercial acreage east of Ducor where Bosenberry vines, in their first year, are producing two and one-half tons per acre. A crew of 150 pickers has been used to cover the 40-acre planting as the berries ripen. (Farm Tribune photos)

AGRICULTURE

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U.S.

Already the southern San Joaquin valley has an annual overdraft of more than 1,000,000 acre feet of water per year, Teerink explained. To meet the desired agricultural expansion means more water will have to be imported.

"We will find a way to get the water into the area, as we always have in the past when it has been needed. But we must redirect our thinking on how future projects are to be financed."

Teerink said there probably will never be another project with a massive infusion of low-interest public funds. The future, he added, lies with such combinations as utilizing parts of the California Aqueduct system with construction funded jointly by federal and local units.

Teerink cited the Cross-Valley canal, now under construction in Kern County, as an example of this new type project. Another would be the Mid-Valley canal, now being studied, to bring water from the California Aqueduct across Fresno county to the east side. He called the Mid-Valley canal the best hope for a supplemental water supply for the valley's east side over the next 20 years.

Teerink stated that California as a matter of policy should not dedicate its limited supply of fresh water for cooling inland nuclear power plants, which he said with present technology require enormous amounts of water. He suggested a valley-wide look is needed to explore ways of collecting and treating agricultural and municipal waste water for cooling purposes if nuclear plants are built inland.

Teerink said it would have "boggled the mind" a few years ago to think that state and federal water programs could be imperiled by litigation. Now, practically every project is tied up in the courts with suits filed by environmentalists, he said.

Teerink agreed with an assessment by James F. Sorensen, Friant Water Users secretary, that recent legislative proposals may help to resolve such controversies. He said in his opinion the state administration will support bills by Sen. Howard Way and others to define in detail authority of the state water resources control board in allocating project water.

T-Birds's Erlene Brown, At 260 Pounds Will Bomb The Bombers In Porterville

PORTERVILLE — When the Los Angeles Thunderbirds match skates, wits, elbows and fists with the San Francisco Bombers in Porterville's Jamison stadium the evening of June 28, one performer that Roller Game fans will see plenty of is Erlene Brown, of the T-Birds.

Ms. Brown, at six feet and a trim 260 pounds, was for 12 years America's leading woman shotputter, representing the United States in three Olympic games - at Tokyo, Melbourne and Rome.

She started her athletic career at Compton Community college in southern California, then, following Olympic competition, turned pro as a skater. Her size, skating skill and competitive drive have made her a real headliner on the Roller Games circuit.

Also back in action after being out with injuries, will be Ronnie Rains, coach of the Thunderbirds, whose antics on and off the boards have earned him the title of "The Psycho."

Other stars who will compete at Porterville include: Ronnie Robinson, son of the famous Sugar Ray; "Big John" Johnson, Harold Jackson, "Little Richard" Brown, and Ralphie Valladares; and, on the distaff side, Colleen Murrell and Julie "The Ace" Patrick.

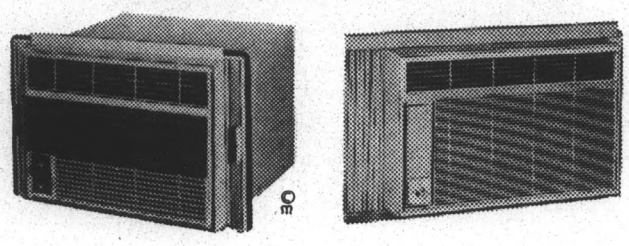
The T-Birds and the Bombers will compete on a portable rink in front of the Jamison Stadium grandstand, with live action starting at 8 p.m.

EXTRAS NEEDED FOR BARN PLAY

PORTERVILLE - All 35 speaking parts have been filled for the Barn theater production, "Inherit The Wind," which opens June 28, however, Director Carl Driver can use extras to appear on stage during crowd scenes. Driver can be reached at 784-8086.

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